GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SERIES OF BOMB BLASTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were a series of bomb blasts recently in Mumbai and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the number of persons injured/killed and property damaged in each of such blasts; state/UTs-wise;

(c) the details of various arms and ammunitions seized and persons involved in such incidents arrested so far;

(d) the compensation paid/likely to be paid to the relatives of those killed/injured;

(e) whether the central intelligence agencies have provided earlier information about the terrorist activities likely to take place in some parts of the country;

(f) if so, the reasons for failure of the security agencies/Government to keep vigil on these activities and take suitable measures;

(g) whether the Government has conducted the inquiry of these incidents;

(h) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(i) the further steps taken to check such incidents in future and to streamline the functioning of security agencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): On the 11th July 2006, there were seven serial bomb blast in local trains in Mumbai in which 184 persons have died and 844 persons sustained injuries. On the same day, five grenade attacks took place in Srinagar in which 9 persons were killed and 33 persons were injured.

(c): As per information available, four persons have been arrested in connection with the Mumbai bomb blasts for Mumbai blasts and one person for the grenade attacks in Srinagar.

(d): The State Government of Maharashtra announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs. one lakh for those killed and Rs. 50,000/- to those grievously injured and Rs. 5000/- to those with minor injuries. As per the latest report, the State Government has disbursed more than Rs. 3.52 Crore as ex gratia payment. The Union Minister Railways has also announced Rs. five lakhs each and employment for one person for the next of kin of the deceased, Rs. 50,000 each to those grievously injured and Rs. 10,000 each to those with minor injuries, besides meeting the fully expenditure for treatment of the injured. As regards victims of grenade attacks in Srinagar, the Government of J&K has a notified policy of compensating victims of terrorist violence.

(e): On the basis of the inputs received from central intelligence agencies, the state Governments/UTs are sensitized from time to time about the plans and designs of the terrorists outfits and are asked to streamline physical and protective security of vital installations, institutions, VIPs, religious places and other places of public and national importance.

(f) (g) and (h): The Central and State security and intelligence agencies in tandem continue to pursue their efforts to neutralize activities of these terrorist outfits and have busted a good number of terrorist modules and foiled some of the terrorist attacks in different parts of the country.

(i): The Government pursues a multidimensional approach to deal with terrorists activities and extends supports to the States in neutralizing such terrorist activities. The Government has taken measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment, of security forces both at the Centre and the States, by well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.